

GOVERNOR GLYNN at St. Louis today: Lend me your ears now; give Wilson your votes in November.

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## MORE THAN 12,000 PACK CONVENTION TO ROOF WHEN CHAIRMAN WIELDS GAVEL

Democrats Convene to Nominate Wilson—Marshall.

Vice Presidential Booms of Favorite Sons Will.

Called to Order at Noon

Bryan, Pacifist, Declines to Start "Needed" Scrap.

McCombs Opens, Followed by Glynn's Keynote Speech.

The convention at 2:40 p. m. adjourned until 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 14.—With the keynote of "Americanism and Peace, Preparedness and Prosperity," the Democratic national convention began its first session shortly after noon today with not a single element in sight to disturb the harmonious re-nomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order, 12,000 delegates, alternates and spectators packed the big Coliseum to the roof. Members of the national committee and of President Wilson's cabinet and party leaders from all over the country had places on the platform. Plaster medallions of Washington, Jackson, Jefferson and Cleveland looked down upon the delegates from the decorations which consisted uniformly of American flags. The only picture of President Wilson in the hall hung in front of the speaker's desk and was inscribed "America first."

Vice presidential booms, uttered by President Wilson's direct word that he desired the re-nomination of Vice President Marshall, were brought to the convention hall, but only as favorable son compliments. When National Chairman McCombs had called the convention to order the next business was the reading of the call by Secretary J. Bruce Kremer, former Governor Glynn of New York was next with the keynote speech.

Under the speaker's stand direct telephone and telegraph wires to the White House carried momentary reports of the proceedings in the hall.

Bryan Will Make Campaign. All prospect of a fight in the convention had gone glimmering out at night with William J. Bryan's announcement that he did not propose to press certain planks before the resolution committee and that he would make campaign speeches for the Democratic nominees.

"We have entered this hall as Democrats, let us deliberate as Americans," declared Mr. Glynn in sounding the keynote.

"It is the business of this convention, representing every section of the United States and speaking for every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt."

Reviewing President Wilson's conduct of foreign affairs he declared the president had preserved peace with honor.

"For vain glory or for selfish purpose," he declared, "others may cry for a policy of blood and iron, but the president has acted on the belief that the leader of a nation who plunges his people into an unnecessary war, like Pontius Pilate vainly washes his hands of innocent blood while the earth quakes and the heavens are darkened and thousands give up the ghost."

"If Washington was right, if Jefferson was right, if Hamilton was right, then the president is right today," he declared.

Carpenters Still at Work. Carpenters were beating a tattoo on finishing touches upon the hall as the delegates filed in.

The delegates and alternates had seats on the main floor, arranged like a huge oblong wedge, with the broad side toward the platform. Their seats were jammed together, much more crowded than at either convention in Chicago. Moving picture machines and cameras were planted at every vantage point. Because of the heat under the glass skylight, many of the delegates removed their coats and promised to become a coatless crowd. The Texas delegation tossed miniature souvenir bales of cotton to the galleries.

Just before the convention was called to order, the band struck up "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and the delegates rose, joining in the chorus and waving American flags. "Dixie" brought a roar, interrupted with rebel yells. William J. Bryan was given an ovation as he took his seat in the press section. The applause started in the galleries and spread to the delegates. Bryan smiled his appreciation and got out his pencil and prepared to work. A "Woody Tiger" was sent to Chairman McCombs's desk by a New York delegate.

Open With Patriotic Songs. Chairman McCombs took his place at his desk at 12:30 amid cheers and applause. A few thumps of his gavel on a wooden desk quickly secured order. One verse of "America" was then sung by the entire crowd, with tossing flags keeping the rhythm. This was followed by one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The Rev. James W. Lee, Methodist Episcopal clergyman of St. Louis, read a prayer.

Denunciation of the use of the militia and armed guards against organized workers is contained in a proposed industrial plank submitted by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the federal industrial relations committee to Senator Stone who will be chairman of the resolutions committee. The proposed plank also declares the right of labor unions to organize.

"We demand the fullest encouragement," it reads, "both in administrative law and in the judicial process"

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Martin B. Glynn.

## THEY CAN'T AGREE EX-GOV. GLYNN OF N. Y. PRAISES WILSON REIGN

Today Sees Final Effort at Railroad Conference.

Unions and Managers in Deadlock on Overtime.

CONFERENCE COST \$100,000

Unions Represented by 800 Delegates of 350,000 Men.

Next Step to Submit Strike Proposition to Employees.

New York, June 14.—Forced by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, into admitting that the demand of the 350,000 railroad men of the United States has been rejected, the railroad managers at conference called here to avert a general strike today declared it was up to the men to decide whether they should continue the conference.

The union leaders, after stating that the railroad counter proposition was not acceptable, decided to continue the

Delivers Eloquent Keynote Speech at Convention.

Patriotism and Peace; Preparedness and Prosperity.

WILSON GETS CREDIT FOR ALL

Foreign Policy Upheld as One of Firm Neutrality.

Declares Republicans Upset Precedents of Own Party.

St. Louis, June 14.—With the assertion that no president since the Civil war has had as crucial problems to solve; and no president has displayed a grasp more sure, a statesmanship more profound, as President Wilson, Hon. Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, opened the Demo-

## DEMOCRATIC JABS BY GOV. GLYNN

"We have entered this hall as Democrats; we shall deliberate and act here as Americans."

"We who stand today on the fertile soil of America, who live under the smiling skies of a free and fruitful land, must prove worthy of the trust that American sacrifice has imposed on every American."

"Today the Republic faces a third crisis no less momentous than that of 1776 or that of 1860."

"What the people of the United States must determine through their suffrage is whether the course the country has pursued through this crucial period is to be continued; whether the principles that have been asserted as our national policy shall be endorsed or withdrawn."

"Neutrality is America's contribution to the laws of the world."

"Others may follow the Lords of War who ride among the corpses of mankind. We follow the President of the United States and seek inspiration of humanity that aspires to higher things."

"In all the history of the world there is no other national policy that has justified itself so completely and entirely as the American policy of neutrality and isolation from the quarrels of European powers."

"No American who knows the facts can honestly oppose or criticize the policy of neutrality which the present Democratic administration has pursued."

"America's doctrine of neutrality never meant that this nation

## IN ATMOSPHERE OF VICTORY AND A SPIRIT OF CERTAINTY DEMOCRATS LAUNCH CONCLAVE



Ollie James. The Democratic Chairman Who Will Deliver Another "Keynote" Speech Thursday.

McCombs Opens Convention, Sees Wilson Re-Elected.

Calls Chicago G. O. P. Session "Board of Directors."

HOT SHOT FOR REPUBLICANS

Pays "Tribute" to Sage of Sagamore Hill Also.

In Conclusion: "Elephant Is Dead; Moose Is Dead!"

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 14.—In calling the Democratic national convention to order at noon today Chairman William F. McCombs of the Democratic National committee spoke as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen of the convention: We are in an atmosphere of victory. We have no feeling of guess but a spirit of certainty. We meet to celebrate the marvelous achievements of the Democratic party since it came into power and to place a milestone upon the path of its future success.

"Over two thousand years ago, an old slave related the fable of the frog who wanted to grow to the size of an elephant. Such was the ambition of his soul that his body swelled to a marvelous proportion. Indeed, Aesop went so far as to predict that the frog upon reaching the size of the elephant, would burst. I commend to your notice the wisdom of Aesop. It took over two thousand years for his prophecy to come true. Only last week the frog-phantom—or the elephant-frog—exploded. The Republican party for years succeeded in deceiving the country. Now it is successfully deceiving itself. In its platform it offers puerile promises, but with malicious intent. It promises the country in the main what the Democratic party has already done or is in the process of doing, saving, always, the bogus god 'Protection.' It cloaked its iniquity with a judicial robe but the cloven hoof of special interest still protrudes."

People Wards of G. O. P. "The board of directors has sat in Chicago and again resolved that they are the country. They have adopted the doctrine of foreordination and predestination, but have made it applicable only to themselves.

"The rest of the people are their wards—be profane."

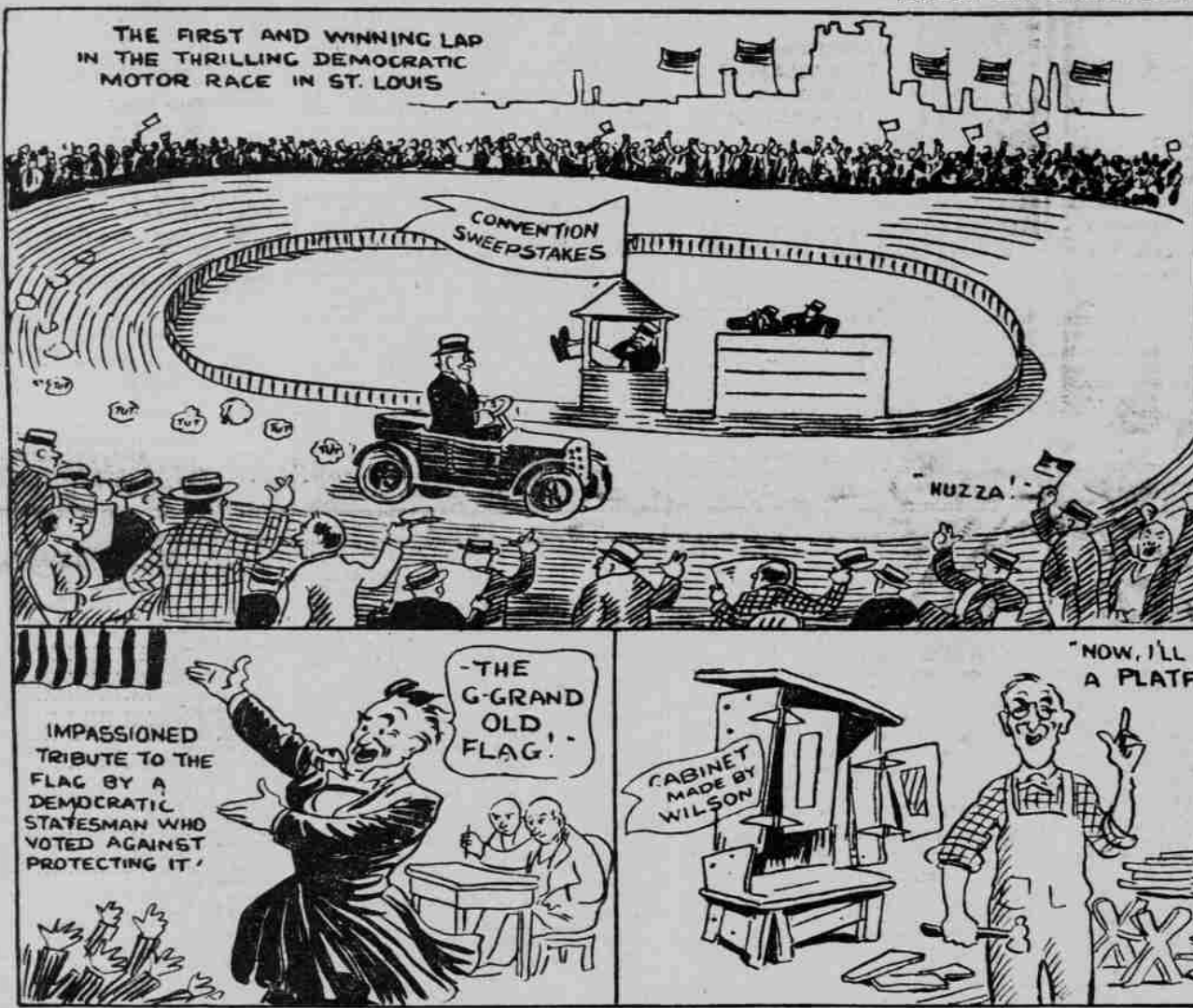
"Ambition is a noble tribute, but when it is adulterated with greed, a catastrophe is inevitable. We have recently witnessed the painful spectacle of two great American parties at Chicago putting self in place of ideals; self-glorification in place of national honor; Republicanism and Progressivism so-called, in place of our only 'ism'—Americanism."

"We have witnessed the drab spectacle of two groups of men trading principles like competitors in a fish market, in the hope that some compromise would win public support. They have not come together—they have fallen out over the 'swag.' For the sake of victory, many of these men, essentially opposed in principle, have been willing to become friends with false masks. The result is inevitable. Divided they fall. We are proud in the thought that 'United we stand.' We welcome the pent-up Americanism of the real Progressives individually to our ranks, offering them a haven, in principle. Their leader has abandoned them with gross cruelty."

Reason for Self. "The gentleman from Oyster Bay, in a recent letter to Chicago, quoted Abraham Lincoln as saying 'May not all, having a common interest, reason on a common effect to a common country.' Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to call your attention to the word 're-unite.' The words 'save the country' are the words of the opposition for years. There may be a political war today in this country, but that war only exists between the two factions—Republicans and Democrats. We welcome the pent-up Americanism of the real Progressives individually to our ranks, offering them a haven, in principle. Their leader has abandoned them with gross cruelty."

This is a crucial hour in the history of the world. It is an hour when every man should take stock of himself and his principles. This is an hour when every one should see whether in his inner consciousness he squares with the ideals of 1776 and the later periods of dramatic strife, when this country resolutely maintained peace with honor.

Maintained the Ideal. "The Democratic party, in the face of scandalous and vicious attacks, has maintained this great American ideal. While for peace it has steadily and surely worked for sound and powerful preparation. Though vilified by selfish seekers, it has maintained friendly relations throughout the world; it has been true to the spirit of America. "Ladies and gentlemen of this great convention, the elephant is dead, the moose is dead. Long live the American!"



## ROW GOES ON

Fight in K. and L. of S. Lodge Is Carried to Toledo.

W. B. Kirkpatrick Continues Master of the Situation.

Toledo, June 14.—The national convention of the Knights and Ladies of Security, reconvened at 10 o'clock today following an adjournment by W. B. Kirkpatrick, chairman, yesterday, before the roll was called. Criticism for this action, made by supporters of J. M. Kirkpatrick for national president, was answered by the elder Kirkpatrick with the statement that he wanted to give the credentials committee time to do its work.

The convention was called to order yesterday at 9:30 o'clock and the delegates listened to an address of welcome by Mayor Milroy and to a response by Peter Luther of Brazil, Ind. Several other speeches were made. The convention adjourned until 10 o'clock today. J. M. Boyle of Nebraska objected to the recess. Secretary Abrahams declared no session had ever before been adjourned until after the roll was called.

Doyle demanded that Hugh Farrelly of Chicago, Kansas, take the platform and explain the action of President Kirkpatrick. Mr. Farrelly pointed out that the delegates had plenty of time, that the convention would be in session all week, and that after all the candidate for president who received the most votes would be elected.

James Kirkpatrick, who opposes his father as a candidate for the presidency of the order, talked and urged the delegates to abide by the will of his father, as chairman.

W. M. Forbes of Topeka, national treasurer, stated today that he will not be a candidate for re-election and that he is supporting W. A. Bibb for that place. Bibb is one of the supporters of James Kirkpatrick for the presidency.

If election of officers or important developments later in day, the news will appear in tonight's Postscript Edition, out between 5 and 5:30 o'clock.

conference but indicated they expected it to end late today or tomorrow.

New York, June 14.—Railway managers and officials of railway unions who have been discussing wages and hours of work believed that this would be the last day of their conference and that it would end in a deadlock. The conference has been in session most of the time since June 1 and is estimated to have cost upward of \$100,000.

More than 800 delegates from the unions of employees, representing 350,000 workers, have attended. The union men have rejected a proposal by the managers that no man shall be paid twice for the same time, although his day may be divided between two classes of workers. Some of the 105 questions submitted by the men to the managers remained to be answered today. After this it was expected the conference would adjourn.

Labor leaders said the next step would be to submit to the unions a referendum vote as to whether the officials should be empowered to exercise their own judgment in calling a strike. If that were decided in the affirmative another conference of the managers would be called.

WEATHER IS NORMAL

A Continuation of Existing Conditions Is Promised for Thursday.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 65 11 o'clock... 73 8 o'clock... 67 12 o'clock... 75 9 o'clock... 69 1 o'clock... 77 10 o'clock... 71 2 o'clock... 78

Temperatures are nearly normal here today and the sun is shining dimly through the clouds. Only light clouds are visible. A light breeze from the south is blowing. The sky was cloudy in nearly all parts of the state this morning. The Kaw river jumped five feet following the heavy rain of Monday night and is still rising. The sage this morning was 13.2 feet, but the stream is not expected to reach an alarming height. S. D. Flora, local weather observer, this morning repeated his prediction that the river would reach sixteen feet before it starts falling.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy weather tonight and Thursday; not

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cratic national convention here today.

Declaring that "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity are the issues upon which the Democratic party stands, and the heart of Democracy swells with pride that is more than a pride of party, as it hails the man, who has asserted this Americanism, assured this peace, advocated this preparedness and produced this prosperity," he predicted the re-election of President Wilson.

Taking up our foreign relations that have been called into emphatic prominence by the world-wide war, the speaker declared that "We have entered this hall as Democrats; we shall

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## WILSON WON'T HAVE IT

Refuses to Countenance Plank Against Judges Running for Office.

Washington, June 14.—Efforts to insert a plank in the Democratic platform favoring a law to prohibit federal judges from leaving the bench to accept elective office will not be countenanced by President Wilson. Administration officials let it be known that the president had sent word to St. Louis that he did not want any petty politics played.

Alaska Delegates Have Plank. The Alaska delegation will present to the platform committee a resolution recommending the employment of only American labor on government construction work in Alaska. There will be about 12,500 seats in the Coliseum. There will be 512 seats on the platform; 472 seats in the section reserved for newspapers and press associations; 229 for weekly papers and 2,158 for delegates and alternates. The remainder will be in boxes and balconies.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

Noon.—Called to order by Chairman McCombs, speech of Temporary Chairman Martin H. Glynn sounding Democratic keynote.

Announcement of resolution, permanent organization and national committees.

Make up of the permanent roll of the convention.

Adjourn until Thursday noon.

must rush headlong into war at the first invasion of neutral rights."

"In his policy of peaceful negotiations today the President of the United States follows the example set him by the greatest presidents the Democratic party and the greatest presidents the Republican party ever gave the nation."

"To maintain our national honor by peace if we can, by war if we must," is the motto of the President of the United States."

"Anyone can disparage diplomatic procedure, but only men of patience and principle can successfully conduct it."

"Fighting for every degree of injury would mean perpetual war and this is the policy of our opponents, deny it how they will."

"National honor is the composite sentiment, the composite reason of a whole people feeling the emotions of nature and following the dictates of God."

"With us war has never been a choice, it has always been a fate."

"We deprecate the compulsion but we recognize the need of the policeman on the beat, the safe in the bank and the watchdog on the farm."

"The Democratic party advocates and seeks preparedness, but it is preparedness for defense, not preparedness for aggression."

"Militarism in the United States is as impossible as the shadow of a ghost in the mid-day sun."

"This convention must make it plain that all divisions among the American people must stop at the ocean's edge."

"High above every other issue that this convention offers to the American people we must therefore write a vindication of American loyalty."

"Today the prosperity which the nation enjoys bears witness that Democracy has kept the faith."

"Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity,—these are the issues upon which the Democratic party stands, and the heart of Democracy swells with pride that is more than a pride of party, as it hails the man, who has asserted this Americanism, assured this peace, advocated this preparedness and produced this prosperity."

## ROOSEVELT IS NOT ILL

Strained Ligament in Coughing Spell, Says the Colonel.

New York, June 14.—Reports today that Theodore Roosevelt was seriously ill apparently proved unfounded. He has been experiencing coughing spells recently and in a statement late today regarding an attack of pain, while he was at a pier this morning awaiting the arrival of his son Kermit from South America, the colonel explained that his coughing probably had strained a ligament. An X-ray examination will be made tonight.

"One year ago," the colonel said, "I broke one of my ribs in the left side while riding. The horse fell and threw me. The coughing spells which I have probably strained a ligament. It is ridiculous but painful, so, like King Gog, I arch my neck and walk lightly."

The former president left the pier in an automobile with his family, but did not retire to his room at the hotel where he is stopping. He appeared in the public dining room with Mrs. Roosevelt and others and held a political conference there with two Progressive leaders, Raymond Robins, who was chairman of the national convention, and Harold L. Ickes, national committeeman from Illinois. The colonel would not talk politics.

## 3 O'CLOCK GAMES

Asked for by the Public by a Vote of 10 to 1.

The Topeka public by an overwhelming vote of 10 to 1 asked that the baseball games be called at 3 o'clock. Still Mr. Savage persists in calling them at 3:30. This is a good way to lose the State Journal's influence and help financial and otherwise in building up a ball team here—because the State Journal is standing by the public. It knows the public wants 3 o'clock games—10 to 1 was their vote on this, asked for by Mr. Savage.